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PASSENGER AND CREW LISTS OF VESSELS ARRIVING AT ASTORIA, PORTLAND, AND OTHER OREGON PORTS, APR. 1888–OCT. 1956, AND PASSENGER LISTS OF AIRPLANES ARRIVING AT PORTLAND, OREGON, NOV. 1948–OCT. 1952

Introduction

On the 46 rolls of this microfilm publication, M1777, are reproduced passenger and crew lists of vessels arriving at Astoria, Portland, and other Oregon ports, Apr. 1888–Oct. 1956. Passenger lists of airplanes arriving at Portland, Nov. 1948–Oct. 1952, are also included. Both aliens and citizens are listed. The records are arranged in four series: (1) vessel crew lists, Apr. 1888–Oct. 1956; (2) vessel passenger lists, Dec. 1911–Nov. 1954; (3) vessel passengers in transit to foreign destinations, Jan. 1935–May 1947; and (4) airplane passengers, Nov. 1948–Oct. 1952. Series 1 also includes alien and Chinese passenger lists, 1888–ca. 1900, and alien and citizen passenger lists, Dec. 1954–Oct. 1956. Series 4 also includes some outbound airplane passenger lists, Dec. 1948–Jan. 1949. In addition to Astoria and Portland, vessels arrived at Beaver, Bradwood, Breland [Bretland?], Coos Bay, Grays Harbor, Marshfield, Newport, and Warrenton (all in Oregon). A few vessels arrived at Longview, Seattle, and Vancouver, Washington. Airplanes were primarily destined for Portland. These records are part of the Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Record Group (RG) 85.

Background

Early records relating to immigration originated in regional customhouses. The U.S. Customs Service conducted its business by designating collection districts. Each district had a headquarters port with a customhouse and a collector of customs, the chief officer of the district. An act of March 2, 1819 (3 Stat. 489) required the captain or master of a vessel arriving at a port in the United States or any of its territories from a foreign country to submit a list of passengers to the collector of customs. The act also required that the collector submit a quarterly report or abstract, consisting of copies of these passenger lists, to the Secretary of State, who was required to submit such information at each session of Congress. After 1874, collectors forwarded only statistical reports to the Treasury Department. The lists themselves were retained by the collector of customs. Customs records were maintained primarily for statistical purposes.

On August 3, 1882, Congress passed the first Federal law regulating immigration (22 Stat. 214–215); the Secretary of the Treasury had general supervision over it between 1882 and 1891. The Office of Superintendent of Immigration in the Department of the Treasury was established under an act of March 3, 1891 (26 Stat. 1085), and was later designated a bureau in 1895 with responsibility for administering the alien contract-labor laws. In 1900 administration of the Chinese exclusion laws was added. Initially the Bureau retained the same administrative structure of ports of entry that the Customs Service had used. By the turn of the century, it began to designate its own immigration districts, the numbers and boundaries of which changed over the years. In 1903 the Bureau became part of the Department of Commerce and Labor; its name was changed to the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization when functions relating to naturalization were added in 1906. In 1933 the functions were transferred to the

Department of Labor and became the responsibility of the newly formed Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). Under President Roosevelt's Reorganization Plan V of 1940, the INS was moved to the Department of Justice.

Records Description

Series 1: Vessel Crew Lists, Apr. 1888–Oct. 1956. Also includes alien and Chinese passenger lists, 1888-ca. 1900, and alien and citizen passenger lists, Dec. 1954–Oct. 1956.

This series primarily consists of INS Forms 424, 577, 680, 689, I-480, and I-489 (all described below under "Forms Used"). Sometimes, Form 500-B (or 1500-B), *List or Manifest of Alien Passengers for the United States*, was used instead of Form 577, *Alien Crew List*, to record crew information, particularly before 1910. Form 680 began to be used in August 1917, and Form 577 was phased out. Form I-480 replaced Form 680 in the 1950s. Before 1920, Chinese crew lists were usually recorded on Form 424, *Chinese Crew List*.

Alien passengers were recorded on "Form B" except that, before 1900, Chinese passengers were usually recorded on "Form C." Many Japanese passengers arrived before 1905.

The crew lists primarily consist of alien crewmen, but many U.S. citizen crew members are also included. In addition to Astoria and Portland, the crew lists show vessel arrivals at Beaver, Bradwood, Breland [Bretland?], Coos Bay, Grays Harbor, Marshfield, Newport, and Warrenton (all in Oregon), and some at Longview, Seattle, and Vancouver, Washington.

Series 2: Vessel Passenger Lists, ca. Dec. 1911 – Nov. 1954

This series primarily consists of INS Forms 500-B, 630A, I-415, and I-416 (all described below under "Forms Used"). Both aliens and citizens are included. The lists are arranged chronologically, except that those for 1911–19 are disarranged; those for 1920 and later are in good, but not perfect, chronological order.

INS target sheets at the beginning of these rolls indicate that the passenger lists are filed "by serial numbers." These numbers are usually mechanically stamped numbers near the upper right corner of each form, and begin again at "1" at or near the start of each Federal fiscal year (usually July 1).

This series also includes some "passengers in transit" not included in Series 3. These lists are usually identified with a handwritten notation next to the name of the port of arrival, indicating that the vessel was "in transit to [____]."

Series 3: Passenger Lists of Vessels in Transit to Foreign Destinations, Jan. 1935 – May 1947

This series consists of INS forms like those used in Series 2. These vessels stopped briefly at Oregon ports before departure to Canadian or other ports. The INS referred to these passengers as "passengers in transit."

Series 4: Airplane Passenger Lists, Nov. 1948 – Oct. 1952.

This series primarily consists of Pan American World Airways passenger list forms that include the name, address, and place of birth of each passenger. It may also include the passenger's date of birth (or date and place of naturalization), weight, and number and weight of baggage.

A few outbound passenger lists, Dec. 1948–Jan. 1949, are also included. The lists are in good chronological order, except that some 1951 lists are mixed with the 1952 lists after April 1952. Airplanes primarily departed from Honolulu for arrival at Portland, with a final destination usually shown as Seattle.

Forms Used

The manifests consist of several types of Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) forms. The most common forms are described below.

Form B, *List or Manifest of all the Passengers . . .*, includes the dates and ports of departure and arrival and the following information about each person: name, age in years and months, sex, occupation, country to which he belongs, and country in which he intends to live.

Form C, *Separate List of Chinese Passengers*, includes the dates and ports of departure and arrival and the following information about each person: name, age, occupation, last place of residence, height, and number of bags.

Form 424, *Chinese Crew List (or “List of Chinese Seamen Arriving at the Port of . . .”)*, includes the dates and ports of departure and arrival, and the following information about each person: name, occupation, age, height, physical marks, birthplace, and Chinese signature. It indicates if the person had ever been in the United States before and if he had any papers showing a right to enter the United States.

INS Form 500, 500-B, 1500-B (etc.), *List or Manifest of Alien Passengers for the U.S. Immigration Officer at Port of Arrival*, usually includes the dates and ports of departure and arrival, and the following information about each person: name, age, sex, marital status, occupation, ability to read and write, citizenship (“nationality”), “race or people,” town and country of last permanent residence, birthplace, final destination, and whether the individual possesses a ticket to final destination. It also includes the name and address of the friend or relative the alien intends to join. If the alien had ever been in the U.S. in the past, the dates and places of such residence or visitation are indicated. It also includes the alien’s height and color of complexion, eyes, and hair. Not all of the above information may be recorded for every alien. Questions may vary on different versions of this form.

Form 577, *Alien Crew List*, includes the dates and ports of departure and arrival, and the following information about each person: name, age, position in crew, citizenship (“nationality”), date and place where shipped out, whether a bona fide seaman (yes/no), and evidence of intention to remain in the United States (yes/no).

INS Form 630A or 630B, *List of United States Citizens*, includes each person’s name, age, sex, marital status, date and place of birth (if native) or date and court of naturalization (if naturalized), and U.S. address. The person’s passport number and date of issuance may be noted in a convenient blank spot on the form.

INS Form 680 (later known as I-480), *List or Manifest of Aliens Employed on the Vessel as Members of Crew*, usually contains the names of vessels and shipmasters, ports of arrival and embarkation, dates of arrival, and the following information about each crew member: full name; position in ship’s company; whether able to read; age; sex; race; nationality; height; weight; and physical marks or peculiarities. The “race” column indicates the crew member’s ethnic background, such as Irish, German, or Polish. It also indicates the date and place at which he was engaged for employment and whether he was to be paid off or discharged at the port of arrival. Although the primary purpose of this form was to record pertinent information about aliens, many U.S. citizen crew members are included on these lists.

INS Form 689 (later known as Form I-489), *Statement of Master of Vessel Regarding Changes in Crew Prior to Departure*, sometimes accompanies the Form I-481. This form indicates names and other information of any crewmen who (1) deserted, (2) were discharged, (3) were left in a hospital at the port of arrival, or (4) signed on at the port of arrival.

Form I-415, *Manifest of In-Bound Passengers (Aliens)*, includes the vessel name, dates and ports of departures, and the following information about each alien: name, travel document number, citizenship (“nationality”), number and description of pieces of baggage, and a “column for use of masters, surgeon, and U.S. officials” which may contain the alien’s “A-File” number, the section of the immigration law under which the alien was admitted to the U.S., and the country that issued the alien’s passport and its date of expiration. As of 2002, A-Files remain in the legal custody of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and researchers interested in examining those records should direct a Freedom of Information Act request to that agency.

Form I-416, *List of In-Bound Passengers (United States Citizens and Nationals)*, includes the name of the ship, the port and date of embarkation, the port and date of arrival, and the following information about each person: U.S. passport number, place of birth, number and description of pieces of baggage, and a “column for use of master, surgeon, and U.S. officers,” which is usually blank.

General Remarks

The records were filmed by the INS in 1957 and transferred to the National Archives on microfilm. Although some of this film may be difficult to read, it is impossible to correct the situation since the INS destroyed the original records.

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